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1. BEGINNING WITH THIS SITREP, POSTS WITH MIN-

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IMUM DIRECT INTEREST IN DAILY DEVELPMENTS IN THE YAR
WILL NOT BE INCLUDED AS ADDRESSEES.

2. PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS RELATIVELY UNEVENTFUL.
COMMAND COUNCIL (CC) ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF LT. COL.
ALI AL-'ULI AS NEW COMMANDER OF IMPORTANT CONSTABULARY
UNIT KNOWN AS QTE CENTRAL FORCES UNQTE. AL-'ULI
REPLACES MUHAMMAD AL-KUHALI, WHO BANISHED TO LONDON AS
REPORTED. WHILE LITTLE IS KNOWN OF AL-'ULI, HIS APPOINT-
MENT UNDOUBTEDLY ASSURES STRONG CC CONTROL OVER CENTRAL
UNITS. OTHER APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED JUNE 23 WAS DIRECTOR
OF OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER: ABDUL RAHMAN AL-HUMAID.
HUMAID HELD SAME POSITION IN PREVIOUS AL-AYNI CABINETS.

3. PRIMIN AL-AYNI RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLERS
ON JUNE 23. THEY WERE, IN ORDER, WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR,
A VISITING IRANIAN TV DELEGATION, THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE,
INDIAN CHARGE, AND AMBASSADORS OF FRANCE, KUWAIT,
UAE, NORTH KOREA, EGYPT, SYRIA, US AND UK.

4. PRIMIN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE. QUESTIONS WERE
ROUTINE AND HIS RESPONSES PREDICTABLY ANODYNE.

5. DURING A NEWS COMMENTARY ON SANAA RADIO, REASONS
FOR PREVIOUS DAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT ELIMINATING RANKS ABOVE
LT. COL. WERE ELABORATED. COMMENTARY STRESSED KEY ROLE
TO BE PLAYED BY MILITARY OFFICERS DURING THE CURRENT
PERIOD, STATING THAT MILITARY OFFICERS SHOULD SET
THE
EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE CITIZENRY.

6. WE HEAR BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM
THAT EX-PRESIDENT AL-IRYANI HAS MADE STATEMENT IN SYRIA,
PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT, THAT HIS RESIGNATION WAS UNDER
DURESS AND HAS THEREFORE BEEN QTE ANNULLED UNQTE.
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